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Five Cents

New Bus Service To Mt. Rainier Starts January 18

Sunday, January 18, through buses to Mt. Rainier will begin operation after two years of wrangling with Capital Transit Company.

No public hearing is being held on the new service, since opposition has not been raised in any form.

Following the old route as far as Berwyn, the buses will continue to the Baltimore Boulevard, and go through College Park, Riverdale, and Hyattsville to the street car terminal beyond the District Line at Mt. Rainier. The bus station in the shopping center will continue to be the Greenbelt terminal for the new line.

Time tables are as yet unavailable, but the tentative schedule calls for buses every 10 minutes during peak hours, and every 30 minutes in off-hours. The complete schedule will be published in next week's Cooperator.

No change in fares is announced for the new service, the weekly \$2 pass and the regular three-zone arrangement for single fares continuing in use.

Inauguration of the revised schedules by Capital Transit Company comes sooner than expected.

It has been estimated that about 45 minutes will now be required for the one way trip from Greenbelt to Mt. Rainier by bus and on into Washington to 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue by street car. An 18-hour service is contemplated at present.

Defense Council Asks Hospital Be Continued

Greenbelt's Civilian Defense Council, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, passed a resolution, which will in turn be presented to Farm Security Administration and the Office of Civilian Defense, asking for the continuation of the local hospital as a necessary item in the defense of Greenbelt.

The reorganization committee was given authority to make specific recommendations for duties to be assigned to volunteers.

Co-op Movie Will Highlight G. C. S. Third Annual Meeting

Negotiations are under way for the showing of the Co-op national movie, "Here Is Tomorrow," as one of the highlights of the third annual membership meeting of Greenbelt Consumer Services on February 4.

The first public showing of the long-expected movie is scheduled to be in New York tonight at the Museum of Modern Art, according to recent reports emanating from that city.

Also added to the agenda of the Greenbelt meeting is the recommendation of the auditing committee concerning a salary for board members, as stated in the notice and information mailed to the membership last Saturday.

This question was to have been acted upon at the quarterly meeting last May. Shortly after consideration of it begun the absence of a quorum necessitated immediate adjournment of the business meeting, without any action being taken upon the matter.

Sponsored and to be presented by Bernard Jones, chairman of the G. C. S. auditing committee, the proposal for the compensation of directors is as follows:

"That members of the board of directors be remunerated at the rate of \$2 per meeting, not to exceed \$14 per quarter for each director, or not to exceed 8 percent of the net savings for the quarter for the entire board."

The board as such will make no formal recommendation in connection with the proposal, according to recent indications, although board members individually may support or oppose it at the mem-

Credit Union Meeting To Vote on Dividend

Recommendations for dividends will be made at the annual meeting of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, which will be held in the school auditorium Monday, January 19.

Part of the meeting will be devoted to the election of six directors; three members of the credit committee, and three members of the supervising committee. Nominations for these positions should be sent in to Arthur Gawthrop, chairman of the nominating committee which will submit a nomination for each position as provided by the by-laws of the credit union.

Reports by committees and financial statements by Mrs. Velma Brewer, treasurer of the credit union, will also be presented at this meeting.

The credit union announces that it has grown from 716 members as of January 1, 1941, to 833 members on January 1, 1942.

Entertainment and a dance will follow the meeting.

Homeowners to Meet On Contractors' Bids

Discussion of contractors' bids for construction of 20 private dwellings in Greenbelt along Woodland Way extension will be the main topic of a meeting to be held Monday evening, January 12, at 8 p. m. in room 223 of the Greenbelt Elementary School, it has been announced by the Greenbelt Homeowners Cooperative. All those who plan to build homes in the first building group are urged to attend.

At this meeting members of the cooperative will hear the results of the recent bid invitations, consider the question of expending additional funds for lot surveys, and will make arrangements for depositing their down payments.

Financial arrangements with the Credit Union National Association are to be concluded this week in connection with obtaining mortgage loans. Bids on the construction of roads and sewers will be obtained the week following, it was announced.

Sandbags, Sirens Strengthen Local Air Raid Defense

Four thousand sandbags have been purchased to further strengthen the air raid shelters in Greenbelt. Announcing this purchase to a meeting held on January 5 in the elementary school, S. Hartford Downs, assistant chief of auxiliary police, outlined to members of the ARP methods of combating bombings.

According to the picture presented by Mr. Downs, within a short time the various air raid precautionary functions in town will be ready to go into action at a moment's notice. The fire horn will be placed on a twenty-foot stand on top of the fire house, and there will be, in addition, five sirens to be used for warning signals. One will be located on a ten-foot stand on the roof of one of the apartments on Crescent Road; another will be situated in "A" block; and the third will be near the water tower. Of the remaining two, one has already been placed on the police car and one is scheduled to go on the fire truck. Mr. Downs stated that all sirens will work in coordination and that the three stationary sirens will be controlled by a master switch.

In case of emergency, the Auxiliary Police will have the full power given the regular police and all members of the Auxiliary Police are being taught the laws and ordinances of Greenbelt and will be informed of any emergency ordinances that may come up.

School As Casualty Station
Tentative plans call for the elementary school to become a casualty station for first-aid treatment and emergency operations, if needed, during a time of danger. Three smaller first-aid stations will be situated at strategic locations in Greenbelt and each shelter will have cots and first-aid kits. Wardens in charge of shelters will be trained in first-aid treatment.

Block wardens will notify all families in Greenbelt of the location of the air-raid shelters in the near future, it was stated. The wardens will show the quickest way to get to the shelters. Mr. Downs stated, and all persons will be requested to go to their appointed shelters to prevent overcrowding. "Of course," he pointed out, "if anyone should be caught too far from his shelter, he should go to the nearest one. All shelters, first-aid stations, etc., will be clearly marked. The air-raid wardens will take a census of all persons in their sectors so that arrangements can be made to handle them, especially in cases of small children or bed-ridden persons."

Warns On Using Closets
In answer to a question on the use of closets under the stairs in houses as shelters, Mr. Downs warned that these closets are among the most dangerous places in the homes. Suffocation or wood splinters are dangers to be reckoned with in using closets as shelters.

The blackout of December 30 was a success except for two cases, it was stated. One family that had been out of town for several days, had left lights burning in their home. The other blackout violation was in the home of a family that had left town for the day and had also left lights on. He warned people to turn out all lights when leaving their homes and that "stiff fines" were being considered as the best way to deal with negligence.

Local Boy Finishes Army Radio Course

Pvt. Paul M. Dunbar, son of Paul Dunbar 13-D Ridge Road, has been graduated with the new class in radio communications at Scott Field, Illinois, according to an announcement made today by Col. Wolcott P. Hayes, commandant.

The local youth, having been trained in all phases of radio work at the post, radio university of the Army air corps, has been assigned to further duty at another station.

Council Preparing Referendum On Tax to Maintain Town Hospital; G. C. A. Meeting Indicates Support

The people of Greenbelt intend to keep their hospital, if Monday night's Citizens' Association meeting can be interpreted as an indication of town opinion. A crowd of 200 residents passed two motions designed to maintain the local medical institution after spending the entire evening discussing the Town Council's New Year's eve decision to close the hospital.

The action of Farm Security Administration in striking the \$23,000 appropriation for the hospital out of the 1942 town budget was strongly criticized by many present. Criticism was also leveled at the present council, mainly by former councilmen, for not taking a stronger stand in discussing the budget with F. S. A.

Cooperator Board Approves Applicants For Staff

Membership applications to the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, Incorporated, were voted on by the Cooperator Board of Directors at a meeting Monday evening, January 5. Thirty-one members were approved, and will receive notification of their approval.

A new board member, Mrs. E. W. Meredit, was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Frank Penn. The board members now are Mrs. Peggy Arness, Sol Shub, William Stewart, Francis Fosnight, and Mrs. Meredit.

Also on the agenda was a discussion on increasing the effectiveness of operations. A resolution was passed to distribute funds now on hand to staff members.

Bond Purchase Plan Begun in Greenbelt

An effective plan for group purchasing of defense bonds, originated in Greenbelt by Mrs. Winfield McCamy, has been adopted by the administrative staff. As explained by Assistant Administrator Arthur L. Rysticken, the plan operates as follows:

Nineteen people enter an agreement to purchase collectively one \$18.75 bond semi-monthly. Lots are drawn, giving each member a number, from one to 19. On the first purchasing day, the member with the number one pays 75 cents, the remaining 18 paying \$1 each. The first bond is purchased in the name of the member paying 75 cents. The purchaser having the number two pays 75 cents the next time, and receives the second bond. The procedure continues until a bond has been bought in the name of each member. Bonds are retained in one place until 19 are purchased, at which time they are distributed to their respective owners.

The idea was introduced by Mrs. McCamy last Saturday, according to Mr. Rysticken, and by Monday afternoon two clubs had been started in the administrative office. In explaining the plan, Mr. Rysticken said that it was "exceptionally adaptable to the many groups in Greenbelt."

Only Registered Voters Can Vote in Referendum

If the Town Council decides at its Monday night meeting to levy a tax on the people of Greenbelt in order to keep the hospital open all registered voters will be able to participate in the referendum which will be required.

Town administration officials have pointed out that any one having one year's residence in Maryland and six months' residence in Prince Georges County may register with the Town Clerk free of charge at any time up to 15 days before the election. After that time registrations will still be accepted up to election day for a 50 cent service charge. Registration applications during the 15-day period prior to elections must have two witnesses.

\$10 Goes Begging

The \$10 door prize at the close of the Citizens' Association meeting would have gone to Mr. Grossman, a new resident at 12-D Ridge Road—if he had been there. This \$10 will be carried over for the February meeting, making a \$15 door prize for the drawing then.

Early in the evening, Sol Shub, transportation chairman for the association, announced the new bus service to be available to Greenbelt on January 18. Harry Hyman reported on work being done by the committee interested in setting aside the recent income limitations set up by Farm Security Administration.

Following heated discussion of the prospective closing of the hospital, Marvin M. Wofsey offered a motion to ask the Council to propose to Farm Security Administration that over-income families be allowed to stay in Greenbelt and pay increased rents which would then be used to support the hospital. This was carried with a vote of 36 to 26.

Ed Walther then moved that the Council be requested to levy a tax on the people of Greenbelt in accordance with provisions of the Town Charter requiring a referendum in order to maintain the hospital. After it was emphasized that this action would set up no tax unless approved by referendum the motion was carried 53 to 24.

Mayor Allen Morrison told the group that the Council was already preparing to submit the question to the residents anyway, regardless of action taken by the G. C. A. Councilman Thomas R. Ricker quoted results to a hospital questionnaire taken earlier in the winter to show a lack of popular support for any tax measure to keep the hospital. In answer to criticism of the efficiency of the present hospital Dr. Joseph Silagy declared that no hospital was ever self-supporting, and that Greenbelt would not obtain a better hospital by closing up the present one.

Other comment offered on the subject pointed out that Greenbelt had the only hospital in Prince Georges County, and that the present war emergency made a hospital more rather than less valuable to the community.

Considerable argument arose over estimates of the necessary tax which would be required to keep the hospital going for 1942.

Financing of the recent trip of councilmen to the Hollywood Beach convention was questioned during the evening. Justification for paying the expenses out of the town funds was offered by Councilman Ricker.

Here's Your Chance

A pottery instructor has finally been secured for the new Adult Education term, it was announced Monday by Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer. After exhausting every source of teachers in Washington and the vicinity, a pottery expert, Monte L. Taylor was located in Greenbelt.

A tentative meeting will be held for all pottery enthusiasts next Thursday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m., in room 222 of the Elementary School. The purpose of the first meeting will be to determine whether or not the required enrollment of 15 is reached; and, if so, to learn what materials will be needed for the course.

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The End of January

The end of January will find us without a local hospital unless prompt and drastic action is taken by the Town Council and Greenbelt residents.

Ever since the hospital was authorized in January, 1939, on the basis of a \$5,000 surplus in the 1938 town budget, it has been a center of controversy. This paper urged establishment of a hospital and supported it during its three years' existence. We think Greenbelt needs an adequate hospital now more than ever.

However, we will not be found among those who want to punch the present councilmen on their noses for voting on New Year's Eve to close the institution. Their action followed the only course calculated to demonstrate whether or not Greenbelt really wants its hospital. If the Federal Government can not be persuaded to support our medical center any longer, then we must look to our own resources like any other town. Greenbelters would have never reached a willingness to support a hospital had Farm Security Administration continued to finance its deficits. The present drastic action faces all of us with the decision of how much the local medical center means to us. If we want it badly enough to pay for it directly ourselves, then we should have a fair chance of persuading F. S. A. to at least erect a more suitable building.

To help voters reach a considered decision on the referendum requested by the Citizens Association and promised by two councilmen present, the Cooperator offers several pros and cons which have been battered around in the hospital argument.

Against the continuance of the present hospital:

1. Deficit operation with expenses exceeding income by \$10,297.94 in 1939, \$6,598.36 in 1940, and \$8,300 (estimated) in 1941.
2. An average occupancy of 35 per cent during 1941.
3. Inadequacy of the building for hospital purposes, e. g. narrow stairs and no elevator, small operating room, no fire escape, poor floor plan.
4. Complaints that the hospital is not available for the use of all residents.

For continuance of the hospital:

1. The prospective doubling of Greenbelt's population should make a hospital twice as necessary as before.
2. The war situation offers a threat of air raids and hampered transportation that stresses the importance of a local hospital. Greenbelt Hospital has been designated a casualty station by the Civilian Defense workers of the county.
3. Greenbelt has the only hospital in Prince Georges County.
4. Washington's hospitals are too far away to be of help in an emergency, and are full anyway.
5. The value of hospitals can not be measured in dollars and cents, but in the saving of life and curtailment of suffering.
6. A better hospital will not be obtained by closing the present one.

We Don't Point With Pride

We note with interest how you, the consumers, had your interests protected the other day by Henderson's price control office. The price of cigarettes was pegged to the levels of December 26. This sensational step was taken after numerous conferences and great agitation. Hurried calls were put through, officials were contacted for their opinions and the cigarette companies were made out to be even worse than the recent advertising trials proved them to be.

It is gratifying to see that we will not have to pay any more for our cigarettes thanks to our Government's interest in our welfare but the prices of meat, milk, clothing and all other non-essentials continuing to soar to unchecked and un-noticed by everyone but you and me.

No. 1 Problem Solved

After a two year fight by interested groups including this paper, adequate public transportation is finally being offered to the people of Greenbelt. Certainly it is not all that we asked, but after depending on the neighbor's auto all these months we are grateful for what we can get.

On January 18 the new bus schedule goes into effect and promises to be faster, more frequent, and certainly more comfortable and convenient than what we have endured since the through service was discontinued when Capital Transit Company failed to get a subsidy from the Federal Government. Calling for a tentative schedule of 16 minutes for a direct service to Mt. Rainier, and a total trip time of 45 minutes to downtown Washington, the new service should go a long way in solving the transportation problem which looms ever darker on the horizon of future months with increasing gasoline prices and no tires and no private cars for commuting to work. The promised 18 hour service should cover the needs of most Greenbelters.

With the present emergency and the first of the new homes already occupied, there is every reason to believe that the new Capital Transit service will be well supported. If we ride the buses we shall probably keep the service; if we don't the schedule will no doubt be reduced again.

So we have a temporary solution to Greenbelt's No. 1 problem which plagued us for so long. The victory is a little dulled, however, because there is reason to believe that the primary cause of the new service is a desire to cash in now on a line franchise made profitable by the erection of 1,000 new homes. But we have the new service, anyway.

Food Store Sales Hit New High; Wholesale Rise Cuts Net Gain

The food store has set a new high record in weekly sales. Total sales for the week ending December 27 amounted to \$4,805. Last week's sales were also high, approaching very close to the record established the previous week, it was started.

While there has been an increased dollar volume this year over last year, the net profit has not been greater because of economic conditions the management has indicated. There have been increases in retail costs, which accounts for some of the additional dollar volume, but the increases in wholesale costs have much more than offset them. Wholesale prices advanced 24 percent during 1941, while retail prices rose 17

percent, it has been reported.

Therefore, spokesmen for Greenbelt Consumer Services have stated, a bigger net margin for 1941 as compared to 1940 in the food store cannot be anticipated on the basis of a dollar volume which is well above that for the previous year. Exact operating figures for 1941 will not be forthcoming until the end of January, after the auditor has had an opportunity to audit the books of the cooperative. Louis Englander, member of the Cooperative League Accounting Bureau, is expected here next week to prepare the audit.

Don't miss seeing the play being presented by the High School.

Community Church

"Living For the Things Worthwhile" will be the theme of the sermon to be preached next Sunday by the Rev. Wilmer P. Johnston at 11 o'clock in the community building.

The church school will meet at 9:30. Classes for all ages are provided for those who desire to attend. The young people's meeting will be held at the community building at 7 o'clock, but the Junior High School group will meet at the home of Mrs. H. Smith 18C Parkway.

The Social and Spiritual Welfare Committee will meet Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. H. Griffith, 24B Crescent.

The Finance Committee met Sunday night and adopted a budget for the church for the coming year. This budget, which had been prepared by a special committee, will appear in the church bulletin Sunday.

Sunday, January 18, will be observed as "the Every Member Canvass" Sunday. After a special sermon and benediction by the pastor, the men of the church will go out in groups of two to receive the pledges of the year.

One Year Ago

(From the Cooperator of January 9, 1941.)

A. Chasanow was elected president of the Greenbelt Citizens Association—Thirteen candidates were vying for three 2-year appointments for the Health Association board of directors, Mrs. Harry Harcum, state president of the Maryland Federation of Women's Clubs, was guest of honor at a combination meeting and a party celebration for the first birthday of the Women's Club of Greenbelt--Organization of a second Boy Scout troop was completed.

To the Editor---

Physician's Hours

To the Editor:

Attention should be called to the new and peculiarly amazing schedule of office hours at the Health Association. At a time when many of our men are working seven days a week in crowded Washington no provision is made for their medical care during evening or on Saturdays.

During hectic wartime checks on health and emphasis on maintenance of working capacity among employees is more important than ever. Defense work in health must include adequate medical care for our working population as well as adequate civilian training in first aid.

May we hope that the schedule of office hours will be revised to provide easily obtainable medical care for those of us who need it most and can't obtain it as the schedule is now constituted.

A ready answer may be "Home, not office calls!" Home calls cost more. Much preventive and early attention to illness won't be secured when office hours aren't available. Medical care cost shouldn't rise when medical care is more necessary than ever.

PEGGY ZORACH.

Long Distance

To the Editor:

May we take this opportunity to extend the warmest greetings of the Season to our many good friends in Greenbelt and surrounding communities. When we trim our marine Xmas tree, created from mklp and other sea plants, decorated with sea shells and with Japanese glass seine balls, washed up from the waters of the Bering Sea, we shall be recalling the luxurious evergreens festooned with colorful ornaments that we shared with you last year.

May the New Year bring great happiness to you all.

—The Beernbergs.

Editor's note:

This letter was dated November 24, 1941, and was received by us on January 7, 1942. And we complain if our letters are one day late!

Readers are reminded that letters for publication must be signed by the writer, stay within the 250 word limit, and avoid statements which would constitute libel.

Don't forget to see "What a Life" in the Auditorium, Monday or Tuesday.

This AMAZING AMERICA

WONDERLAND OF ROCKS

THE GROTESQUE STONE FIGURES NEAR BISBEE, ARIZONA, WERE CARVED BY WIND AND WATER OVER MILLIONS OF YEARS. OUTLAWS OF THE OLD SOUTH- WEST FREQUENTLY HID HERE.

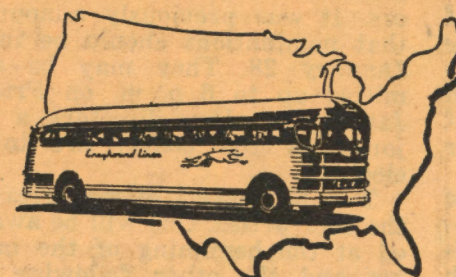


SHORTEST, DEEPEST RIVER

LOST RIVER, NEAR BOWLING GREEN, KY., IS ONLY 700 FEET LONG AND MORE THAN HALF THAT DEEP. IF THE QUEEN MARY WERE HERE, 1/3 OF IT WOULD BE ON DRY LAND!

GOLF, INC.

THE WHOLE BUSINESS OF TAVISTOCK, N. J., IS GOLF. THE TOWN CONSISTING ALMOST ENTIRELY OF A GOLF COURSE AND CLUBHOUSE. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB ARE THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL!



GREYHOUND SHRINKS THE MAP! AT LEAST IT SEEMS THAT WAY TO THE MILLIONS WHO TRAVEL FARTHER FOR LESS MONEY ON THIS GREAT SYSTEM.

OUR NEIGHBORS

By SALLY MEREDITH

Hello, Greenbelt:

What with Civilian Defense activities and the normal mid-season social whirl, Greenbelt is all hustle and bustle, leaving local residents too busy to worry about the war. Have you noticed that those who are busy with one activity generally are up to their necks in everything that goes on? The others just don't do anything!

The American Home Department of the local Women's Club is having a special meeting next Thursday at the home of Mrs. James J. Lehman, 5-H Ridge Road. Mrs. Arthur Charles Watkins, President of the District Federation of Women's Clubs, the guest speaker, will have as her topic "The Spiritual Values of the Home." Assisting Mrs. Lehman as hostess will be Mrs. Denzil Wood.

A surprise birthday party was given for Harry Fleisher, 2-L Gardenway, by his wife, Dottie, and her mother, Mrs. Sonia Burd-wick, on New Year's night. A lot of his friends helped Harry celebrate the beginning of another year in his life, as well as the beginning of another calendar year.

One of our neighbors—Mrs. Josephine Hight, 18-E Crescent Road—was understandably disappointed at breaking the largest bowl of the Mixmaster she received as a Christmas present. That would break any woman's heart! Her brother-in-law, Otha Hight, who gave her the mixer, left for Tampaco, Mexico, with the Merchant Marines.

Dr. Max Benton, of the University of Colorado, was the Christmas guest of Mrs. Vernon Havens, 5-H Eastway. He left Greenbelt last Saturday—Miss Edna Johnson, of the Administrative staff, spent the holidays with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson, in Hopewell, Virginia. — Corporal Dave Zwick, of Fort Niagara, New York, visited my family here while in Washington on leave. He left Greenbelt Sunday with a very deep impression of the local scenery (feminine).

Are You A Stenographer?

The Government needs stenographers for National defense.

Aside from the present emergency, the opportunities for stenographers in the Government service are favorable. Good stenographers are always in demand. The positions pay \$1,440 a year to start, with a good chance for advancement to positions of greater responsibility, such as secretarial positions, in the case of those who have the ability.

The examination announced by the Civil Service Commission for stenographers is open until further notice. The examination consists solely of a dictation test at 96 words a minute and transcription of notes. All persons who can qualify are urged to apply now.

The proper application form may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at any first or second-class post office or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C.

To provide more living quarters for Government employees, especially for those in the lower-income groups, there has been begun—under Government sponsorship, a building program for constructing thousands of apartments, dormitories, and homes in Washington, D. C.

COOPERATOR ADS

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Deadline Wed Night

Our Stake in the Pacific War-- Is Vital to Lifeline of Nation

The Division of Information, Office for Emergency Management, last week released the following survey of our material stake in the Pacific:

The United States has vast and vital interests in the Pacific, so vital that our lifeline to the Orient must be kept open with all possible energy. Our interests are in raw materials that are not obtainable elsewhere in the quantities we need.

The Nation was prepared—materials-wise—when the Japanese blow came. For many months we have been building stockpiles. We have lots of the stuff we need—and we are going to get more, which will insure our ability to press the fight for democracy on all fronts.

Best known of these vital imports are tin and rubber, but they are by no means the only materials for which we look to this far corner of the world. Chromite, manganese, and tungsten for hardening steel; kapok for making life preservers; graphite for lubricating the machines of modern war; mica for insulation; manila fiber for making rope; the tea that we drink and pig bristles for brushes—these things required for our national welfare we intend to get from the Far East and the Pacific.

Tin Most Important

Tin is probably the most important of our Pacific imports, and we consume more than 100,000 tons of tin a year, produce practically none. Singapore and the Netherlands Indies provide us with our supply.

Canned food, a staple of American life, for soldiers as well as civilians, uses most of the tin imports. While glass can be substituted to some extent, and studies have been made of the use of silver as a lining for cans, tin is the most practical.

We have a good stockpile of tin on hand in this country; we are building a smelter in Texas to refine Bolivian tin ore. Careful conservation of our supply and possible expansion of the Texas smelter will help us get through the emergency. Nevertheless, the best solution is to keep the Pacific sea lanes open.

Rubber From The Orient

Our situation in rubber parallels that of tin. Ninety-eight percent of our crude rubber supply, and we are consuming more than 600,000 tons a year, comes from the Orient. In no other part of the world are the quantities we obtain available.

Fortunately for us, we have a "second line of defense" in rubber. Rubber is reclaimable. We now are using about 30 percent reclaimed rubber to 70 percent crude. We can double that use of reclaimed rubber within a few months.

While reclaimed rubber has certain disadvantages, for inner tubes particularly, it and our reserve supply of rubber will carry the nation for many months. Meantime, we have embarked on an ambitious synthetic rubber production program, that probably could be expanded to fill military demands.

Manganese, chromite, and tungsten are also drawn from the Pacific area. If steel is the bone of modern warfare, these alloying elements are its marrow. They make tough, hard steel, the kind that is used for armor plate and for projectiles that will pierce armor. They make possible modern tanks and fighting ships, war planes and guns. We need these minerals, all of them we can get.

We can facilitate the manganese problem by increasing imports from Brazil, Cuba, and South Africa, and by rapid expansion of domestic production from low-grade ores. Molybdenum, plentiful here, may be substituted for tungsten in many cases.

Approximately a third of our

chromium supply comes from the Philippine Islands and New Caledonia, the remainder from Africa, Turkey, and Cuba. This makes freedom of the seas in the Pacific all the more important.

Elements of Armor Plate

Low-grade chromite deposits in the United States are now being worked, so that we can increase our domestic supply as much as possible.

Japan's threat to the Burma Road is a direct threat to tungsten, for down its wandering curves comes the bulk of our supply. Domestic production increased sharply in 1941, and South America also is producing tungsten in quantity. Nevertheless, we imported twice as much as we produced this year and we need all we can get. Priority control exercised by the Office of Production Management has resulted in an increased use of molybdenum alloy in place of tungsten, but for certain military uses, tungsten steel is the best.

We depend upon Madagascar and Ceylon for graphite, particularly the higher grades. Deposits in Alabama, Texas, and Pennsylvania, however, will serve the purpose in the emergency.

Can't Do Without Mica

Mica, particularly mica splittings, also are involved in the Pacific. We get 90 percent of our present supplies of this vital material from India, the remainder from Madagascar. Mica splittings provide the insulation necessary for electrical equipment and we cannot do without it. While we have a good supply on hand, we do not have enough to be independent of imports. This is partly a question of training labor, however, as mica splitting is difficult and tedious work. We can learn to split mica in this country if we have to.

All of the world's supply of Manila fiber, from which rope is made, comes from the Philippines area. There is no substitute for it and nothing takes the place of rope where rope is needed.

While these are the most important materials we get from the Orient they are by no means all. Palm oil, for instance, is important for tin plating. We get it from the Netherlands Indies, the Philippines and the other islands of the East Indies. Coconut oil, from which we make glycerin, comes from the same area.

We probably can get along without hides from Australia's lead. But the various tanning agents, such as mangrove bark, which we get from the Far East are vital to our welfare. Then there are a world of things of lesser importance, such as sisal, burlap and jute, tapioca, tea, antimony, cobalt, tung oil, copra, mahogany, camphor, nutmegs, and pepper.

Conserve all utilities, turn out all unnecessary lights, don't use more water than you need, make fewer auto trips.

Classified Ads

Leaving Greenbelt — Household furniture for sale: Greenbelt chifonier and double maple bed; rug, Roll-a-way bed, lawn chairs, small chest of drawers, etc. 58-E Crescent Road.

RIDE WANTED—to Fourth and Pennsylvania avenue or vicinity; 8:15 to 5; 54-C Crescent road.

FOUND—Red stocking cap and black leather gloves. Apply at Cooperator office.

MAILING LISTS—Can be run off quickly for your organization at a lower cost than you would guess. Don't spend your time typing addresses on envelopes; just call the Cooperator office for our price.

HighSchoolChatter

BY JOAN McNAMARA.

Back in school again after a refreshing vacation, and most of our thoughts are centered on the school play, "What a Life," that is to be staged at the elementary school auditorium next Monday and Tuesday, January 12 and 13, at 8 p.m. The prices are 15 cents for the elementary school children, 25 cents for high school students and 35 cents for adults, plus defense tax.

The play is being given by the Dramatic Club and is under the direction of Miss Violet Younger. The leads are taken by Rosalie Poston and Troy Todd. Not only the whole club, but also a few non-members have done their best to make this play a success. So it's up to you to show your appreciation by coming to see it either Monday or Tuesday evening. Please try and come. If by any chance, the students selling tickets didn't get around your way, call me at Greenbelt 4107, and I'll see that you get them.

Mrs. Helen Trucksess, of 3-F Crescent Rd., is taking the place of Mrs. Wixsell in teaching Latin, French, music and one course in English. (I guess Patty Day, Florence Raum, Bob Pfarr, Dickie Day and yours truly will have to study a bit harder in Mrs. Trucksess's classes, as she is a very close neighbor of ours.) DON'T SAY I TOLD YOU—BUT—

Those holidays have really done things to my fellow students—take Patty Day, for instance: that gal has been slacking in her studies lately and do you know why? She's got her mind on a certain lil' boy from down Virginia way—We wonder why Jimmy White has been going around with a sheepish grin on his face—Dot Herbert's latest is a jeep by the name of "Bo-Bo," but that isn't as bad as June Hammersla's current: "DOOY-BOOY."—We all know why "Halo Jim" Bobbitt likes to take his time at the lunch counter (and that didn't start during the vacation)—It looks like the Egli-Attick romance is still going strong—or is it history notes that pass by in history class?—Why has Shirley Manson quit wearing the fishnet to school?—What's the sudden attraction over near the new houses for Henry McFarland?—Did a certain sophomore get pink-eyes from staring too much?—To whom has Bill Hennessy been making them "Irish Eyes" at?—To my dear Joe Louis: "Where did you get that abominable laugh?"

What became of the note that Bill Townsend wrote Shirley—or did "Mr. T" write it?

Well, take it easy, and I'll see you all at the high school play.

"Which would yez rather be in, Pat, an explosion or a collision?" Mike asked.

"A collision," said Pat.

"Why, now?" "Because in a collision, there yez are, but in an explosion, where are yez?"

Balancing the Budget

By Bertha Maryn

I will buy carefully;
I will take good care of the things I have;
I will waste nothing."

By observing those three simple rules, those on the home front can help the national war program as well as themselves.

The most serious problem facing the average homemaker whose income remains at a standstill while living cost soar, is that of balancing the budget and at the same time supplying her family with the proper diet so necessary for the maintenance of good health.

MEAT

Many American families of limited income feel that they cannot afford meat. The meat buying habits of the average consumer reveal a daily study in waste and ignorance. Compared to her European sisters (before, and especially since the war). The American housewife is both ignorant and wasteful as far as meat shopping and cooking is concerned.

First and foremost the average homemaker is guilty of failing to use cuts of meats and meat by-products such as liver, heart, etc. Liver of course, has risen in estimation as well as in price since science discovered its curative value. Prior to the discovery, liver in this country was thrown to the dogs. Then there are tongue, kidneys and lungs, also inexpensive and highly nutritive meat products, that are sadly neglected by the housewife with a limited income.

It is true that their cooking requires a little more time and a little more ingenuity than is given to roasts, steak or hamburger. But that is exactly why Americans find European cooking so appetizing and intriguing. A little time, a little imagination, and a bit of knowledge transforms these lowly by-products into piquant, savory, nourishing dishes at a very low cost. And now since other food products will become prohibitive because of price, or inaccessible because of the difficulty of importing, our homemakers will have to learn new tricks in cooking, new methods, new dishes, new combinations of foods.

The first lesson meat would be to learn what the cheaper cuts are and how to cook them. An important thing to remember is that food value is not sacrificed when cheaper cuts are used.

What are the cheaper cuts of meat and how are they used?

The names of cuts of meat vary with different parts of the country. However, butchers usually know what their various names are.

The following list is suggested in Consumers' Guide, Volume 7, Number 2, Consumers' Counsel, Department of Agriculture.

BEEF

CUT	USE
Low-Cost Cuts:	Soup, stew
Shank (including bone)	Stew, boiling meat
Plate, fresh or corned	Boiling meat, stew
Brisket, fresh or corned	Soup, stew
Fore shank	Stew, mincemeat, meat loaf
Neck	
Medium-Cost Cuts:	
Chuck-straight cut:	Pot roast, stew
A. Chuck blade	Pot roast, stew
B. Chuck	Stew, pot roast
Heel of round	Minute steak, Swiss steak, pot roast, stew
Full round	Pot roast, corned
Boneless rump	Braised steak, stew
Flank	Pot roast, stew
Chuck round bone	
Other Edible Parts:	
Heart	Stew, stuffed, braised
Kidney	Stew, meat pie
Liver	Fried, braised, liver loaf, liver paste
Tongue (Fresh, corned, pickled, smoked)	Boiled
Tripe	Broiled, fried, creamed
Oxtail	Stew, braised, soup

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Lorenzo Gets Clipped--- In Which Our Hero Loses Much Besides His Hair:

BY JAROL

Before Lorenzo Highbottom moved to Greenbelt, he never wore a hat. One Saturday afternoon he sneaked into a hat shop. The sign over the door boasted, "A hat for every face."

The salesman began by injuring Lorenzo's dignity. "We have a special shape for baldness," he said. Lorenzo protested that ordinarily he was the owner of a dark brown, wavy coiffure.

"I see," the attendant interrupted, "Army man?" "No," Lorenzo corrected, "Greenbelt."

The salesman's mind flitted over a number of institutions he knew that might be called "Greenbelt" where a man's hair would be clipped so that his ears would protrude like wings. He took another stab. "How long you been out?"

"From where?" asked Lorenzo, puzzled. The salesman gave up. He finally threw the question.

"Say, where did you get that haircut?" A look of gloom possessed Lorenzo's face. "Greenbelt," he muttered.

The salesman shrugged his shoulders and muttered something about a "toupee."

After vainly trying every shape of hat in the store the salesman slowly through tightened lips pronounced, "Look, mister, I'm not suggesting you go back to--what is it, Greenbriar?--but if you ever do, tell that barber who cut your hair that moderation is a noble virtue."

With that he led Lorenzo to the door and before closing it removed the sign that said, "A hat for every face." As Lorenzo stepped into the street his ears flapped in the wind.

That evening Lorenzo came home wearing a dark brown bowler that rested uncomfortably on his ears. He entered his apartment without knocking, and did not switch on the light in the hallway, as he was in the habit of doing. Mrs. Highbottom called out from the kitchen, "That you Lorenzo?" Why so late?"

"Missed my ride," he replied, "Did some shopping."

He slid into the bathroom, off the hallway, and winced at the sight he saw in the mirror as he turned the light on. Immediately, he set about improving the appearance of his newly bought bowler.

First he tried stuffing tissue into the hat to keep it from sinking over his ears. This device he soon gave up as impractical, since it caused a swish whenever he moved his facial muscles. He then put some paper under the inner band. This kept the hat from sinking, but the hat still didn't look as if it belonged on his head.

Thirty-three minutes later having tried 147 different angles he left the bathroom, his new hat safely hidden in the water box.

Lorenzo whistled, affecting nonchalance. "Anything good for supper?" he asked his wife flippantly. "Welch rarebit," she replied. "What did you buy, dear?"

Taken by surprise, Lorenzo stalled for time. "Huh?" he asked.

"I said, 'What did you buy?'" "Oh---" He pushed the radio aside to examine the tubes and, his face in the radio chassis, he muttered, "Shing oodent brunt shted."

Mrs. Highbottom was persistent. "What, dear? Where are you?"

"Looking over the tubes," Lorenzo answered. "Radio's been whistling. Darn thing about these superheterodyne sets; too much power; tubes go bad. Spoke to a fellow yesterday....."

"Honey," his wife interrupted, "you still haven't told me what you've bought, unless it's a surprise." She thought of their wedding anniversary four days hence.

Confused, Lorenzo agreed. "Uh huh." Miserable, he pushed the radio back, picked up a newspaper and fell into a chair. Absently, his eyes fell on a fur coat ad. The display of luxuriant, glossy fur dimly suggested his own lost locks and he vaguely recalled the buzz of the clipper scraping against his ear. His mental wandering was interrupted when a shadow settled over the newspaper page. His wife, seating herself on the arm of his chair, draped her arm around his neck.

"Darling," she cooed. Lorenzo's mind cleared. The barber shop vision evaporated and he saw in

cold, black print, "Clearance of Furs.....\$119.95." * * *

Four days later the fur coat arrived. Mrs. Highbottom danced with joy, while Lorenzo dismally calculated how many haircuts he could get for \$119.95.

Soon afterward came a second package; this one for Lorenzo. Mrs. Highbottom fondly watched as Lorenzo opened the parcel. Suddenly, he collapsed.

When the doctor came, he found Lorenzo in bed with a high fever. The kitchen floor was littered with wrapping paper. On the table, beside a hat box, a dark brown bowler perched jauntily. Next to it was the box lid which announced in a flourishing script.

"A hat for every face."

"On her eighteenth birthday I gave my daughter her first front-door key."

"That was the proper modern spirit, old man."

"Not necessarily. I just got tired of having her knock off the milk bottles crawling through the pantry window."

If you have ideas of your own for an improved paper, send them in to us, or better yet--come on up and join us on Monday or Tuesday night in room 202, over the drug store.

Students Offer "What A Life"

"What A Life" is the play being presented in the Auditorium Monday and Tuesday by students of Greenbelt High School. The curtain will rise at 8 p. m.

Rosalie Poston and Troy Todd hold lead parts in the dramatic production being presented for local residents and people of neighboring communities. Violet Younger is directing the play for the Dramatic Club.

From mid-October to mid-November the cost of living rose by 0.7 per cent, says the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Retail food prices rose 1.3 per cent and clothing 1.4 per cent. Meats declined, as usual at this season.

Since the war began in 1939, food has gone up 21 per cent, and the general cost of living has gone up 11.8 per cent.

A GOOD FAMILY

The father of success is work. The mother of success is ambition.

The eldest son is common sense. Some of the other boys are: Perseverance, honesty, thoroughness, Foresight, enthusiasm, cooperation.

The eldest daughter is character; Some of her sisters are: Cheerfulness, loyalty, courtesy, Care, sincerity, harmony. The baby is opportunity.

Get acquainted with the old man, And you will be able to get along Pretty well with the rest of the family.

Co-op Begins Drive For New Members

An all-out membership drive has begun this week by the membership committee of Greenbelt Consumer Services. Early in the week teams started calling on newcomers to tell them about the cooperative and to invite them to a neighborhood night tomorrow evening.

There are now three teams, a man and a woman comprising a team. More teams will be added as the campaign progresses. During the week each team has called on up to six families each evening. When the campaign gets into full swing, after additional families have moved in, it is planned to increase the number of teams and to hold two or three neighborhood nights a week.

The first neighborhood night will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Denzil D. Wood at 11-A Ridge Road. There the newcomers will have all their questions about the local stores answered.

FUNNY--BUT CLEAN

Have you heard some of the service gags that are going around?

Jones was standing his first watch and hailed a passing vessel, "Ahoy! What ship are you?" The skipper raised his megaphone and bellowed back, "The Helvetia." Jones went into a slow burn and then shouted, "The same to you! Is that any way to answer a civil question?"

Mrs. Reed, Principal To Aid Defense

Mrs. Catherine Reed, Riverdale, Md., principal of Greenbelt Elementary School, has been appointed to an important defense post in Prince Georges County. Mrs. Reed was named co-ordinator of defense activities in the county schools. This appointment was made known Sunday.

The post was created by the county board of education last week to place central responsibility for defense work. Mrs. Reed will work in conjunction with other defense officials in the county in forming procedures to be followed in emergencies. Participating groups are the Red Cross, volunteer fire companies, local, State, and national defense councils, various women's agencies, the county health department and Government agencies.

Mrs. Reed was formerly supervising principal of the elementary schools in Mount Ranier, Brentwood and Cottage City. She was picked for the position, said Superintendent of Schools Nicholas Orem, because of her "wide and successful experience in a supervisory capacity in public school work."

And here's another:

A sailor on leave entered a North Shore tavern and started a long argument by asking for a gin fizz. The Finn barkeep insisted, "I have it no that gin fiss. I have it yes that salmon fiss, smoked fiss, and that tuna fiss, but that gin fis--" Well, anyway the sailor departed, thirst unslaked.

Announcement by your Valet Shop

TIRE RATIONING compels us to limit ourselves to One Trip a Day to the plant.

*Below is our New Schedule for Laundry and Dry Cleaning.
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Laundry and Dry Cleaning

Received before 5 p. m. Monday	will be ready Thursday
Received before 5 p. m. Tuesday	will be ready Friday
Received before 5 p. m. Wednesday	will be ready Saturday
Received before 5 p. m. Thursday	will be ready Monday
Received before 5 p. m. Friday	will be ready Tuesday
Received before 5 p. m. Saturday	will be ready Wednesday

*We will accept emergency specials with the understanding
that every effort will be made to get them back as promised.*

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	TRIP LEAVES SHOP			TRIP LEAVES SHOP	
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Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	4 p.m.	Friday	9:30 a.m.	4 p.m.
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	4 p.m.	Saturday	8:40 a.m.	3 p.m.

*Work picked up on afternoon trip does not go to plant until
following day. When possible get calls in time for a.m. trip.*

*We ask your cooperation. It is better to have clean
clothes at the Valet Shop than soiled ones in your closet.*

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